

## Most Places First In Contest

### Dramatic Club Will Present First Drama

"Berkeley Square," With Herbert Boland As Peter Standish, Is Initial Offering

Making its first appearance of the year, the Columbia College dramatic club will appear tonight in "Berkeley Square," a three-act romantic fantasy by John Balderston.

This play, one of the most beautiful of modern times, will be presented three times — tonight at eight-fifteen for the students, tomorrow afternoon at two-thirty for the Religious, and again Sunday night at eight-fifteen for the public.

The production will be given in Columbia auditorium, the stage of which has recently been renovated and enlarged.

#### Action Involves Two Scenes

"Berkeley Square" has been highly acclaimed, both on the stage and screen. The action involves two scenes, both of them taking place in an old home on Berkeley Square in London. The play opens in the twentieth century, but the next scene takes the audience back to 1784.

The plot centers on Peter Standish, a young man who inherits the legacy of an old home on Berkeley Square. He is in love with the past, and returns to the eighteenth century and falls in love with a girl of that period, Helen Pettigrew. Herbert Boland portrays Peter, and Anna Mae Weber takes the feminine lead.

#### Eighteenth Century Scene

In this scene, the Pettigrew family meet Peter, and are astounded at his comprehensive knowledge of what the future has in store, and also at the fact that he treats them all as dead. Lady Ann Pettigrew is depicted by Mary Manders, Kate by Eleanor Powers, and Tom by Paul Schuster.

The leading characters in the modern scene are the ambassador, twentieth century friend of Peter's, played by Paul Strueber, Throistle taken by Gene Dunworth, and Margove by Joan Wellman.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HEAR FATHER KESSLER

The Rev. W. G. Kessler, directing curator of the Columbia Museum, addressed a meeting in the St. Thomas parish hall, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Monday evening. Father Kessler's subject was Culture versus Communism. This talk was one of the series in the museum extension program.

Following the talk Father Kessler received a Ciborium used by Father Mazzuchelli, pioneer Dominican priest in these parts, as a gift to the Columbia Museum. The Ciborium is of wood, encrusted with gold, and it was presented by the Rev. A. McIsaacs, pastor of St. Thomas parish. It is about ten inches high and the cup is about five inches in diameter. Originally it was used in the mission churches in this area and later on it was kept at St. Michael's church, Galena. Some years ago Father Shanahan, of Galena, gave it to Father McIsaacs. The ciborium is documented and all data concerning it has been preserved and will be gathered by the museum staff.

The Columbia academy library received several donations in the past few weeks. These include a volume of Funk and Wagnall's New Standard Encyclopedia, a volume of Shakespeare, twelve books of the Everyman's Series and two Spoken Books of Verse, given by Father Semper.

Frederick Schmid donated about twenty books of prose and poetry. Several miscellaneous contributions have been received from various persons.

### New ROTC Officers Are Entertained At Major's Home

Major and Mrs. Watson L. McMorris, CAC, entertained the Columbia academy cadet officers at their home on Grandview avenue Saturday, November 27.

After the dinner at 12:30 all listened to the broadcast of the Army-Navy game. The Leo-Austin game for the city championship of Chicago was on that afternoon too, and since the Gubs had met Leo earlier in the season, that game was also of much interest.

Inasmuch as the West Pointers defeated the Midshipmen from Annapolis 6 to 0 the afternoon was a complete success. Major McMorris and his charming wife as hostess made the afternoon a most enjoyable and memorable one for the young Columbians present.

In addition to Cadet Major Donald Lark of the class of 1936 the following were present: Cadet Captain Joseph Poire, Cadet Captain George Andressen, Cadet Captain Joseph Sullivan, Cadet Lieut. Donald West, Cadet Lieut. John Routledge, Cadet Lieut. Robert McComish, Cadet Lieut. Harley Key, Cadet Lieut. Gerald Juergens, Cadet Lieut. Robert Mentzer, Cadet Lieut. James Most, Cadet Lieut. Harold Haas, Cadet Lieut. Robert Wagner and Cadet Sergeant James Kane.

### Officers Form ROTC Advisory Board

The formation of a cadet officers council was recently announced by Major McMorris. Five cadet officers will comprise the council and as part of their work they will choose outstanding cadets each month for the blue citation cord awards. Choices will be made after consideration of the student's rating in the monthly inspections, attitude, etc.

The following officers comprise the council:

President—Cadet Major Donald Lark.

Assistants—Cadet Captains: George Andressen, Joseph Sullivan, Cadet 1st Lt.—John Mulholland, and Joseph Poire.

Secretary—Cadet Lieutenant James Most.

### SPECIAL

In a memorandum issued today from ROTC headquarters, the personnel of the two crack drill teams which are being formed, was announced. Major Watson L. McMorris announced that the following cadets have qualified for places on drill team "A":

Cadet Major Donald Lark.

Cadet Jr. Lieutenant Gerald Juergens.

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Francis Dyer.

Cadet Jr. Lieutenant Harold Haas.

Cadet Captain Joseph Poire.

Cadet Raymond Heiberger.

Cadet Frank Saunders.

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Donald Wertz.

(Look for "TWO" on page four.)

### FATHER N. BARRETT ORGANIZES PEP CLUB

The latest addition to Columbia activities is a Pep club under the sponsorship of the Rev. N. C. Barrett, assistant principal.

The club is built around a dozen or more aspiring cheer leaders who have been rehearsing daily in the auditorium under Father Barrett's direction. Complete new uniforms have been ordered consisting of white jersey sweaters, white flannels and white shoes. To cap it off and make a perfect picture each cheer leader will have a new purple and gold megaphone with the words "Columbia Gubs."

Francis Carlin has been acting as head cheer leader and the four most likely to get the call as his assistants are: Alan Gilloon, William Mariferger, Robert Lucas and Thomas Gaylor. Other candidates include: Tom Cody, William Clark, Robert Knoten, Thomas Boyle and Robert Mulgrew.

### Routledge Is Second, Leiser 3rd

#### Honorable Mention Is Given To Robert Holscher And Don. Riedl

The annual informal essay contest closed this year with James Most winning first place, writing on "Romeo and the Duchess." Second place went to John Routledge, veteran contest winner, with "Dog Daze." John Leiser won third place with "Love Letter of a C. M. T. C. Rookie."

#### Winning Essay

Most's essay is a satirical commentary on the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and their agent, Mr. Charles Bedaux. He treats the subject in a light vein, managing to get in a few timely cracks here and there. Most is executive editor of the Cee-Ay.

"Dog Daze" is a clever dissertation on the part of training dogs. The author states that one of the quickest and shortest ways to an insane asylum is to "purchase a large, playful dog and proceed to educate him to become a trick dog." "Love Letters of a C. M. T. C. Rookie" is done in a style similar to the "Love Letters of a Prizefighter" appearing in Liberty magazine.

#### Prizes To Be Awarded

Bookends will be awarded for first place and a bronze plaque will be given second place winner. Third place is merely an honorary one.

Honorable mention was given to Robert Holscher, Donald Riedl, Jack Mulholland and Carl Ottavi.



The Columbia academy faculty and students were shocked during the Thanksgiving holidays to learn of the sudden death of Armand Trausch, Academy senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthnr Trausch of 1584 Montrose Terrace.

Armand was a popular student and was active in many school activities. His impaired health during the past few years never darkened his cheerful outlook. One of our happiest memories of Armand will be as we often saw him—driving the Trausch truck up or down Fourteenth street loaded to utter capacity with students.

The Cee-Ay offers condolences to the parents, relatives and friends. Requiescat in pace.

### CHRISTMAS SEALS TO BE SOLD BY MONOGRAM CLUB

The Monogram club will sponsor the sale of Christmas seals and bangles for the local Visiting Nurse association.

The Rev. Ernest P. Ament, moderator of the Monogram club, has announced that the campaign will be conducted on Tuesday, December 14, and Gerald Juergens will be chairman of the sales committee. Juergens will be assisted by the following members of the club: Donald Lark, Loran Schiltz, John Genz, Ray Heiberger, Edward Hipschen, James Kane, John Brennan, John Pfiffner and Jack Mulholland.

Practically 100% of the money collected is to be spent locally in the great campaign of the Visiting Nurse association in combatting tuberculosis. Schools are asked to participate in these appeals over the nation not only as a financial aid to the association, but as part of the training in civic attitudes and sympathies for things of this nature.

### Cee-Ay Sends Two Delegates To NSPA Press Conference

Robert McComish, managing editor of the Cee-Ay, and John Routledge, copy editor, represented Columbia academy at the sixteenth convention of the National Scholastic Press association held in Des Moines, December 2, 3, and 4. Fifteen hundred delegates attended the convention.

Outstanding speakers on the program were Harrison Forman, lecturer, explorer, and author, Edward Price Bell, foreign correspondent and author, and Dr. D. W. Morehouse, president, Drake University.

Approximately 100 persons spoke at the 95 round table meetings of the convention. Speakers were selected from university staffs, the staff of the Des Moines Register and Tribune and journalism advisers.

Tours to various parts of the city were featured on the program. Included were trips to the local radio stations, Drake university, and the State Capitol.

The social highlights of the convention were the two dances and the banquet. Mr. Clifford De Puy, Des Moines, was toastmaster. Principal speakers were Governor Nelson G. Kraschel and Harvey Ingham, editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

### Mothers' Club Has Novel Entertainment

Members of Columbia academy Mothers' club were entertained Tuesday evening in the Academy Library with an improvised program. A business meeting, with Mrs. J. R. Key, president, presiding, preceded the program.

Mrs. M. C. Lynn, chairman in charge of the program, arranged the following numbers: Acrobatic specialty—Wayne Christensen, Harold Rickey. Acrobatic specialty—Darlene Naudman; Mrs. Lynn, accompanist. Vocal selections—Joseph Mills; Alberta Maers, accompanist. Instrumental quartet—Joseph Kiefer, William Murphy, William Linn, Margaret Kiefer. Tap dance—Ann Louise Kenety; Mrs. Lynn, accompanist.

The basketball captain will be appointed some time after Christmas by Coach Cretzmeyer.

### Freshmen Again Lead The Honor Roll

For this six-weeks period we can see that the Freshmen in Columbia academy are intending to keep the lead which they took the last six weeks; the worst of it is, they are getting away with it. Their closest rivals are the Seniors, who are trailing along with 19 on the Honor Roll. Following the Seniors are the Sophomores who have 16 on it. As usual the Juniors are well behind, with a lucky 13 on. This class seems intent on holding down last place, where a curious reader might have found them last six weeks.

Individual High Honors go to Anthony Wagener, of Stanley, Wis., and to James Most, of Dubuque. Wagener traded places with Most, and took first place with an average of 95, leaving second place open for Most, who had 94.6.

#### HONOR ROLL

Seniors	
Most, James	94.6
Ney, Louis	93
McComish, Robert	92
Sullivan, Joseph	91.6
Andressen, George	91.2
Lark, Don	90.2
Clark, John	89.8
Routledge, John	88.8
Riedl, Don	88.6
Theisen, Edgar	88.6
Haas, Harold	88.2
Wertz, Don	87.4
Higgins, William	87.2
McGinnis, Eugene	87.2
Ottavi, Carl	87.2
Ernsdorff, Thomas	86.4
Poire, Joseph	86.4
Mentzer, Robt.	86.2
Sherman, Harold	86.2
Juniors	
Renier, Ralph	90.6
O'Toole, Roger	90.2
Simon, Vincent	90.2
McDermott, Patrick	89.8

### Cadets Work Hard For Spot On New Team

Faculty And Friends Contribute To Fund For Purchase Of Colorful Uniforms

For the past four weeks over sixty cadets have been trying out for the Columbia rifles, crack drill squad to be sponsored here during January. Major McMorris has been taking the candidates during the Wednesday assembly period and competition is so keen that he is hard pressed in making the final choice. At this writing it is planned to have two teams and members will switch from the A and B divisions, so that more than a so-called "first team" may have a chance to participate in the exhibition drills. In order to gain a position on the team the cadet must have a scholastic rating of 80 or more.

#### New Uniforms Ordered

The uniforms were ordered from the George Evans Company of Philadelphia this week, and it is expected that delivery will be made early in January. It is predicted that they will be very snappy and colorful. The jacket will be purple flannel, made West Point style with seven frogs of gold braid across the front. Stand-up military collars will be used and the sleeves will be trimmed with gold braid also. This purple and gold combination will feature the school colors.

The trousers will be of white flannel with purple side stripe and high rise waist. A white web cross belt will be worn with the jacket. All will wear white gloves and white shoes.

Drill at Basketball Games  
The Columbia rifles will make their first appearance at one of the basketball games shortly after the new year. The team will be used for exhibition purposes at athletic contests and other school functions.

Faculty members and friends are making contributions for the purchase of the uniforms. The following faculty members have contributed to the campaign: Monsignor T. Conry, Monsignor Thier, Major McMorris, Fathers: E. A. (Look for ONE on page four)

Schmid, John	88.8
Graham, Don	88.6
Whalen, Griffin	88.6
Collins, Bernard	87.4
Schroeder, Don	86.6
Moran, Roger	86.2
Kinder, Wesley	86
Moore, Thos.	86

#### Sophomores

Wagener, Anthony	95
Dolter, Robert	92.8
Tierney, Thomas	91.8
Holscher, Robert	91.6
Maher, William	91.2
Schmitz, John	90.8
Breitbach, Herbert	89.8
Waring, James	89.6
Chamberlin, J. C.	89.4
Hanson, Gerald	89.4
Duffy, John	89.2
Schulz, Charles	88.4
Mal, James	88
Harrison, Robert	87.4
O'Halloran, Ray	87
La Barge, Kenneth	86.4

#### Freshmen

Purcell, John	94
Tegeler, Edward	93
Pfeiffer, Donald	93
Collins, James	92.8
Cretzmeyer, John	92.8
Renier, Maurice	92.6
Becker, Alfred	92.2
Schmid, James	91
Leute, Richard	91
Juergens, John	90.2
Juliano, Anthony	90
Marty, Gilbert	89.8
Goodman, Donald	89.4
Gaylor, John	89.2
Rokusek, Raymond	89
Schmitz, Harold	89
Strub, Joseph	89
Van Zile, Herbert	88.4
Geoghegan, Edward	87.6
Connolly, Donald	87.6
Ganinski, Hubert	87.6
Burgmeyer, James	87.4
Jungwirth, John	86.8
Sievers, Fred	86.4
Spantz, Joseph	86
Walsh, Robert J.	86.4



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## Resurrection In E Flat

The band, dear friends, has suddenly resurrected itself in toto from the dark and silent grave of carelessness and disinterest. Now, however, the metamorphosis is startling. They are in step, their music no longer sounds like feline conversation at midnight, and they no longer droop along like a gang of dying elephants. Maybe it is the gold citation cords that have wrought the change, or maybe it is the recent trips and the promises of more trips to come. Or perhaps it is the inauguration in ROTC drill for the band, an instruction from which they had been excluded up to this time. At any rate, they now look and sound like a real band, and Columbia no longer hesitates to call them a Columbia organization.

## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

The green leaves and mosquitoes have gone, and in their place have come old blowhard North Wind and stinging snow. The Christmas season, pleasantest of the year, is once more with us. Christmas, however, has come to be synonymous with nothing more than the giving and receiving of gifts. We eagerly await Christmas morn for the sole purpose of seeing what the beneficent Santy Claus has left in our slightly tattered sock. We are occupied too much with visions of rainbow colored ties, so that we completely miss the real purpose and meaning of Christmas. We fail to realize that Christmas is the religious feast of the birth of Our Lord, and consequently, we fail to observe it with the proper attitude. We go to Mass early and fret because we fear we will not get back in time to enjoy some of the Christmas cheer labeled "Tom any Jerry." Perhaps if we would stop and think that on this day there was born the Savior of the World, we would feel much differently. Let us keep that fact in mind then, and govern our feelings and actions on Christmas accordingly.

## And The Dumb Speak

Are we all dumb? Not in the mental sense, of course, but in matters regarding public speaking. Haven't we enough budding Ciceros and Demostheneses to even fill the roster for an elocutionary contest? It appears that we haven't. It seems that only a very minute percentage of the students here have the common ordinary nerve and other qualities to get up and spout off before an audience larger than the neighborhood gang. It seems that the majority of us, technically speaking, are chicken to get up on our feet and talk. Who knows but what we have with us a silver-tongued orator, who has up to now been hidden under the bushel of fear? Let's turn out then, and try our hand at rabble-raising even if it's only for the fun of it. Get behind the elocution contest and get out from behind the plow and orate, my boy, orate!

## Gold and Silver Trophies Reflect Glory of Recent Gub Teams

If you haven't seen them you've missed something. What are they? They are the rows of silver and bronze trophies on display in Father Martin's office. Trophies which Gub basketball teams have won since 1930.

All of them, with two exceptions, are made in the form of a loving cup, with a basketball player on the top, poised for a shot at the basket. Some are bronze, some are silver, but they all reflect the honor that goes to the teams that won them.

Six of these cups were awarded the Gubs for winning the Archdiocese of Dubuque annual basketball tournament, for six consecutive years.

Perhaps the most novel trophy is the one given to the team of '37 for being the runner up in the State Catholic High school tournament. It consists of a polished walnut base, with another piece of walnut at right angles to it. On this second piece is a picture of the team, and in front of this is a small player molded in silver.

Beside this stands a loving cup

won by the team of '32. The inscription reads, "Catholic State High School Champions, 1932."

The largest trophy in the group is on the top row. In 1936 the Gubs received this at the National Catholic High school tournament, held at Loyola university in Chicago. This was given for cleverest defense in the tournament.

The bottom row contains the most valuable cup. It is a large wooden base, atop of which is a large player of silver, with a basketball in his hands. This is the annual award given at the National Catholic High school tournament in Chicago. The award was originated by Anton Cermak, one time mayor of Chicago, now deceased. Each year it is given to the team with the highest average in free throws in the first round of the tournament. The Gubs won it in 1936.

So, there they stand, each in its respective place, and there they will stay, so that in years to come future students of the academy may see them, and be reminded of Gub teams that won them.



Seen on the dance floor:

A girl with a disgusted look on her face, dancing with a smiling, bleary-eyed drunk, and singing to herself, "You're the lug in my life."

"Now, Jackie, say 'hello' to Auntie Jane."  
"I hate choo, I hate choo!"  
"O, now, won't our little man say 'How do you do' to his dear aunt?"  
"I hate choo, I hate choo!"  
"Why, Tidlums, you're not being momma's little gentleman."  
"I hate choo, I hate choo!"  
"Listen, Pugnugly, say 'hello' to your aunt or I'll yank your scalp off and knock those buck teeth clear down your throat!"  
"Why auntie, when did you arrive?"

It seems that Wertz doesn't want to get his name in this sheet, but if he wants to keep it out he'd better come across with some heavy hush money, because this corner knows some hot secrets about him that certain parties would be pleased to learn about. For instance, that little matter of Saturday night. Too true, eh, my fran?

Personal nomination for the worst joke of any month:  
Professor: "Name three collective nouns."  
Student: "Three collective nouns are: flypaper, wastebasket, and vacuum cleaner."

We proudly present:  
The World's Shortest Play  
Time: During the Revolutionary War.

Act I.  
Curtain. Music, Don.  
Soldiers (to their Captain): "Captain, we aint got no flag."  
Captain: "Aint that hell."  
Curtain  
Act II.  
Captain (to General Washington): "General, we aint got no flag."  
Washington: "Aint that hell."  
Curtain  
Act III.  
Washington (to Betsy Ross): "Betsy, we aint got no flag."  
Betsy: "Aint that hell." "Here, hold the baby while I go and make one."

Curtain  
Prolonged applause.

Famous Last Words  
"Father, I overslept."  
"Look, mama, I painted the washbowl red. Ain't it pretty?"

There ought to be enough entertainment at the halves of basketball games to keep the spectators seated—drill teams, bands, etc.

## Traveling The Airlines

In an attempt to re-open the radio ratings column that was started in the Cee-Ay of two years ago, we offer the following percentages of popular programs. We do hope you'll agree:

Chase and Sanborn Hour—Sunday 7 p.m.—N.B.C. 100%  
Local boy (Columbia boy, too, should I mention?) makes good—And how! Don Ameche smooching for what's probably radio's most popular variety program. It's the nearest to tops yet, we think. Must mention Nelson Eddy. Dorothy Lamour, Stroud Twins, Ed Berger—And Mr. McCarthy. Don't miss it.

Hollywood Playhouse—Sunday—8 p.m.—N.B.C. 92%  
Another of the numerous programs presenting Hollywood biggies at their best—or something. Tyrone Power is sticking around pretty long—and he should. Your time won't be wasted.

Voice of Firestone—Monday—7:30 p.m.—N.B.C. 93%  
Semi-classical music program. Richard Crooks warbling in top place at present. Well supported by other musical stars. Swell, if you like the type.

Jack Oakie's College—Tuesday—8:30 p.m.—C.B.S. 80%  
It suffices to say that Mr. Oakie's slipping—or has slipped. Don't expect too much. You won't get it.

Mary Lee Taylor—Tuesday—10 a.m.—C.B.S. 80%  
Couldn't resist slamming these many radio-cluttering morning recipe brawls. Might be all right if we had a domestic science class. Harder to take than a new bride's biscuits. (Yes, we know the joke(?) is antiquated.)

One Man's Family—Wednesday—7 p.m.—C.B.S. 75%  
Critics rate it as the best of the all too many radio serials, therefore we felt we had to give it at least 75. You can have it if you want it, but, personally, we'll take vanilla.

Easy Aces—Tues.—Wed.—Thurs.—6 p.m.—N.B.C. 94%  
Guarantee you'll laugh at Jane. It's a serial, but don't hold that against it. It's one of the best skits of the week. Try it—You'll probably want more.

Song Shop—Friday—9 p.m.—N.B.C. 90%  
Good musical hour. Kitty Carlisle doing the vocals, with Frank Crumit as the m.c. Once won't be enough.

Bing Crosby—Thursday—9 p.m.—NBC Red 85%  
This program has the best scripting of any show on the air, by our humble opinion. Bob Burns' comedy is not so hard to take, although he has slipped in the past few months. Bing's crooning still has that soothing effect, if you like crooners. The whole show has an air of easy nonchalance that many others have tried to copy. One of the best musical shows. Of WKBB Inquiring Reporter—Daily—12:30 p.m. 85%  
A well-handled man on the street

## Second Prize Essay

First Prize Essay will be printed in next issue. Watch for it.

### DOG DAZE

They say that patience is a virtue but I'm sure Joh would have failed in that respect had he tried to teach a dog to do tricks. The dog books all state that teaching a dog tricks is a simple matter, "easy as pie," and say that all you have to do is repeatedly to put the dog through the same maneuver until he can do it himself. I say, "Just try to put the dog through the same maneuver time after time—just try." If you care to spend a short time in an asylum purchase a large, playful dog and proceed to educate him to become a trick dog. I am in a position to speak with an authoritative voice for I have taught my dog to do tricks and, notwithstanding, have retained a fairly sound mind. (However, certain of my acquaintances have told me that I do have an exceptionally strong mind—their exact words were "bull-headed" but this quality stood me in very good stead when I undertook to train my dog.)

Before Topper, my English sheep dog, could sit up, he went through a period during which he couldn't sit down. Authorities state that one should never use force but I'm inclined to disagree at times. I believe that force applied in the proper places works wonders. Having decided to teach Topper to sit up, I set out to find him. I discovered him stretched out on my bed and after a wild chase I managed to collar him in the coal cellar and drag him back upstairs. I marched him straight to a corner, placed my dog book on the floor beside me, and began. "Sit up," I commanded and wedged him into the corner on his hind legs.

As I released my hold he dropped forward to a prone position and proceeded to take a nap. I grabbed him firmly by his collar and his hide and shoved him back into the corner. This time he slid forward until he was on his back with all fours up in the air. My neck grew just a little warm under the collar so I removed my tie. Once more in the corner Topper rolled his eyes waggishly, lolled his tongue, and then gave a great bound straight past me. I found him ten minutes later, sound asleep on an old mattress in the darkest and dustiest part of the attic. I returned him to his corner once more and was ready to begin anew when he shook all that attic dust off himself right into my face. That was just too much. I quit for the day.

I picked up the dog book to see what the learned author had written about errant canines. "Dogs," he wrote, "which make naughty, inattentive pupils should be treated with the utmost kindness to win their confidence. Remember that kindness, like honesty, is always the best policy. Keep ever in mind the adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That was enough for me. I tossed the book aside. I am firmly convinced that the only dog to which this accomplished author ever taught tricks was a Chinese Poodle.

Day after day I continued Topper's training at the cost of much perspiration, an overheated brow, and some naughty words muttered under my breath. At the end of three months Topper could and would, if he felt inclined, sit up. It was either my innate courage or my capacity for punishment that made me undertake a new trick.

I procured an old barrel hoop and tried to show Topper that I wanted him to go through it. He must have misunderstood me from the beginning for he did his very best to bite the hoop in two. I got a firm grip on him and pulled him through once, twice, five times. I determined that Topper should now try it alone so I propped the hoop against a chair and tried to push him gently through. He knocked the hoop down and shied like a frightened war horse. I made a flying tackle, grabbed him as he reached the open front door, and walked him back. "Come on, Tops, old boy. It's all right. The hoop just fell down. That's the nice old fellow." I pulled him through 20 times more and then had to quit because my arm was tired.

I persevered and tried raising the hoop from the floor. Topper (Look for "THREE" on page four)

show, as man on the street shows go. Questions are varied, and the program is quite interesting. The bane of this program, however, is the Kiddie's Day on Saturday which sees every kid in Dubuqueland trying to get free theater passes by singing, and all of them can't sing. Listen, if you can.

## Who's Who This Month At Columbia

THE CEE-AY PRESENTS:  
James Most

This issue we are privileged to present James A. (Guess what the 'A' stands for—It's allegedly a secret) Most, executive editor of the Cee-Ay, Cadet second lieutenant, and, most recently, first place winner in the essay contest. Speaking of the essay contest, we attribute Jim's success to the fact that he was a hearty sympathizer of the Duke of Windsor (Eddy, to YOU), and, suiting action to sympathy, he took a typewriter in hand and proceeded to pound out a crack essay. Long and tediously he expounded on the despicable way our various countries are treating Ed and Wally, on Bedaux and labor conditions, and on cobweb crowded chateaus. He, however, did get results.

Jim always looks "a might pert." About average height, blond hair combed in an always perfect pompadour, and garbed in the nattiest of clothes. Jim has a liking for blue, chocolates (Christmas hard-tack WILL do), chewable fountain pens, and Ginger Rogers.

After a very extensive study in-

to the matter, it was also found that Jim has one hero, model, leader, tin-gad—or handy man in general. This person will undoubtedly be greatly honored when he reads this little item tucked in "snug as a bug" among our latest news items (we know he never will), and he is no other than (all in suspense yet?)—Mr. Fred Astaire! This versatile tapper-outer constitutes the chief inhabitant of seventh heaven for Jim, who practically lives in ANY theatre during the run of one of good Fred's pictures—even the Palace.

Aside from all these frivolities, Jim has been one of our most outstanding students since his appearance from St. Mary's about three and a half years ago. Practically always topping the honor roll, Jim has been at the head of about all the classes he ever decided to enter. He has been a member of the band since his first year, was one of the leading members of the Academy rifle team last year, and has been generally interested in all extra-curriculum activities during his stay at our honorable institution. Jim is also a member-elect for the Columbia rifles, the new Academy drill squad.



### Basketball Season Opened Monday By Intra-Mural Teams

The intra-mural basketball season swung into action last Monday afternoon as IA bowed to IIA by the score of 16-5, and IVA soundly trounced IIIA 25-9.

The minor league game started promptly after school hours. Led by Bob Walsh, who was high point man with six, the Sophomores struck out early in the game to obtain a lead which they maintained with good defensive work particularly on the part of Mullally. Herberger showed up well for the vanquished.

In the second game the Seniors starting with Andresen, McCarthy, Key, Botsford and McGinnis, were favored at the outset. They proved their merit with Key, Andresen and McGinnis each making three tallies, and McCarthy, overthrew center, coming through with two. Bertsch led the scoring for the Juniors with four points.

### High Scores Shot By Seniors On Range



Poiré, Lark, and Most (left to right) are among the seniors that fired good scores during recent practice sessions.

### Tough Schedule Is In View For Gub Cagers For Season

The Gubs face the toughest basketball schedule this year that a Columbia team has ever faced when they meet such teams as St. Philip's, St. Leo's, Melrose, and St. Ambrose.

St. Philip's whom we remember from last year's defeat is said to be just as strong this year.

St. Leo's, the Chicago Catholic football champs to whom we bowed in football, is said to be ready to hand us our second defeat at their hands this year.

Melrose, the Class B team that rose up to beat Marshalltown for the Public School State Championship last year, is made up of all regulars from last years team with the exception of Capt. O'Connor who is replaced by Capt. Ray Parks. These fellows will be extra tough.

Our usual traditional foe will be met in Dubuque on Jan. 18 and again in Davenport on Feb. 4. The boys are out to avenge the defeat in football that was handed to the Gubs.

### Basketball Schedule

The remaining Intramural schedule as outlined by Father Cassidy is:

- Thursday, Dec. 9  
IB vs. IIB  
IIIB vs. IVB
- Monday, Dec. 13  
IA vs. IIB  
IIA vs. IVB
- Thursday, Dec. 16  
IB vs. IIA  
IIIB vs. IVA
- Monday, Dec. 20  
IA vs. IB  
IIA vs. IIB
- Tuesday, Dec. 21  
IIIA vs. IIIB  
IVA vs. IVB

### Winter Activities Are In Full Swing

The toboggan slide was put into use this week due to the recent snow and the continued cold weather. Except for a few stones, which are frozen to the ground, and a few bad bumps, the slide is in good condition. The toboggan will hold three or four on a trip depending on their size. The brave ones, namely the seniors, were the first ones to go down the slide, with the less brave ones doing the pushing in order to get them started. The ride down is a very thrilling one which is due to the speed with which the toboggan travels and the bad bumps at the bottom that usually tip it over. When the toboggan is tipped over of course the persons who are on it are thrown off it, and slide around a bit. Regardless of the bumps received and the sore spots, the boarders still ride and enjoy it.

A few of the boarders have their own sleds which are also in use constantly. The best place to ride the sleds on the campus, is down the toboggan slide. The sled goes much faster than the toboggan and therefore much more fun.

Plans are being made for the flooding of the tennis courts in order to provide a skating rink for the boarders. The tennis courts were flooded last year but the water drained off. This year the sides of the tennis courts will be hoarded up in an effort to keep the water from running off.

Ernest Keller, eminent skier and skiing authority has been engaged for the second consecutive year by the Academy to teach skiing to Columbians. This is an excellent opportunity for the skiing enthusiasts of Columbia and one that should be taken advantage of. Mr. Keller plans on coming one afternoon a week and also Saturday mornings, if necessary.

Father Cassidy is planning to have the basement of the gym marked off for a volleyball court. Before he will do this there must be enough interest shown in volleyball to warrant this action. Those who are interested must hand their names to Francis Dyer before the 17th of this month.

### Target Range Bustling With C. A. Riflers

After several weeks of target practice the candidates for the rifle team, who are about twenty-five in number, have shown some very encouraging progress.

All the fellows on the team have been putting every thing they've got into making this years team the best the academy has ever had. They have a record to uphold, because the team last year came out on top in the City Rifle meet.

The team will hold an inter-squad match this coming Wednesday, Dec. 15, in which the twenty men with the highest averages of the past two weeks will be split into two teams.

Although no matches as yet have any set dates there are several very good prospects which contain a trip to the twin cities, Iowa City, and the most cherished trip to Booneville, Missouri, for the annual R.O.T.C. rifle team meet. The latter trip will be a four day affair, consisting of two days of traveling and two days spent in shooting. There are two dances and a dinner given for the teams entered in the meet.

Last year, the team chalked up many victories, and won over teams from coast to coast.

The riflers hope to shoot against many of the teams shot against last year and also against many strong teams.

The older and more seasoned members of the rifle team are kept busy beating the scores of the runners-up.

### Columbia Fighters To Box Culver Here

Columbia academy will meet Culver in boxing here next March. This important announcement was made through the school officials today. The date has not been definitely set, but it is probable that it will be around March 25. Columbia will go to Culver in 1938 according to the contract.

The Rev. E. W. Loosbroek, general chairman of the CYO and the CYO officials will co-operate with school officials in sponsoring the Academy team. Edwin "Hooks" Hipschen, veteran CYO boxer, will be the trainer for the Academy team.

With the match with the Culver

boxing squad assured, it might be well to review the Columbia fighting possibilities.

The Academy has a goodly share of the CYO fighters of Dubuque and should show up well against Culver. The school may well boast of such veterans as Hipschen, "Hans" Pfiffner, John Genz, "Red" Sabers, Frankie Saunders, Frankie Stieber, and Dorrance Rapp.

Columbia also has a number of novices among them being Skahill, Mayer, Jurgens and Helberger.

### ACADEMY CAGERS LOSE INITIAL GAME

Columbia opened its basketball season against the strong C.Y.O. team of Chicago, Saturday, November 27. The Academy basketballers played a good game and showed they have great possibilities for the oncoming season.

Ernsdorff, who is captain, made the first basket for the Academy, and Schaffer sank the first in the hoop for the rivals. The Gubs led at the end of the first half by the slight margin of 9 to 8.

The majority of the Academy baskets were made by short shots, with C.Y.O. making many a shot from a long distance.

Ottavi, Marty and Tierney played a great game for Columbia, with Dunwoody taking the honors of outstanding player for C.Y.O.

The game ended with the C.Y.O. team out in front by the slight margin of 19-18. Both teams were evenly matched and provided a good contest for the spectators.

### GUB BASKETEERS DOWN ST. BEDE'S BY SINGLE SCORE

Saturday night Dubuquelanders witnessed a thriller in basketball as the Columbia Gubs downed the favored St. Bedes from LaSalle-Peru, Illinois, 14-12.

The first half ended with the score 5-4 in favor of the Bedans, but a last quarter spurt put the Gubs in the lead which they held to the final gun. With but seconds to play the Bedans shot wildly in hopes of tying the score, while Columbia fans looked on breathlessly as the ball kept rolling reluctantly off the rim.

Outstanding players for the visitors were Patterson and DeBates, both forwards, while the Gubs as a whole played good ball showing remarkable ball-handling.

Judging from the outcome of this game Columbia fans can look forward to another successful season, and another great Columbia team.



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## TWO

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Harley Key.

Cadet Donald Jestel.

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant James Most.

Cadet Captain George Andresen.

Cadet Captain Joseph Sullivan.

Alternates for team "A" will be:

Cadet Loran Schiltz.

Cadet John Genz.

The cadets who qualified for team "B" are the following:

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Mulholland.

Cadet Schmidt.

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Routledge.

Cadet Borley.

Cadet Mullen.

Cadet Higgins.

Cadet A. Pfiffner.

Cadet Jr. Lieutenant Wagner.

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Mentzer.

Cadet D. Graham.

Cadet Whalen.

Cadet J. Pfiffner.

Cadet Winter.

Those who will be alternates for team "B" are the following:

Cadet Syke.

Cadet Mulgrew.

## THREE

walked under the hoop, beside the hoop, and around the hoop but to get him to jump through the hoop was utterly beyond my power.

carried on the work day in and day out but Topper seemed to become more stupid. Finally in desperation I endeavored to coax him with meat although the book said that it was "decidedly not the best policy." Topper became a brilliant pupil and before the lesson was over for that day he could jump like Mark Twain's celebrated frog.

The following day I held out the hoop and ordered, "Jump." Topper sat down, cocked his head, and looked at me. "Jump, jump." No move. I got a piece of meat and Topper soared through the air. I laid the meat down, roared, "Jump," at the top of my voice, and he sat there. Topper had developed a "reward complex." I never did overcome that complex but now Topper would jump through the hoop when the hand that wasn't holding the hoop was grasping a piece of meat.

(Continued next issue)

Academy Will Meet  
Platteville Here  
Monday Evening

The Columbia Academy Gubs will meet the Platteville (Wisconsin) High in a preliminary to the Du-hawk-Augustana game in the Columbia gym Monday evening. This game was originally scheduled for December 16, but due to the conflict with the CYO bouts it was changed.

The Gubs have looked impressive in their two games to date. They dropped their first game 18 to 20 to the Chicago CYO and won from St. Bede's last Saturday in a hard game 14 to 12. Platteville has its traditional fine club this year. For several years the Gubs have been meeting them in home games and the scores are always close. Last year the Academy quint dropped their first game to Platteville 18 to 19. The Wisconsinites started off their season with a win last week.

Coach Cretzmeyer has been trying out a number of combinations to date. All of the first team of last year were lost by graduation. The Marty twins and Tom Ernsdorf are the only lettermen back from last year's squad. To date Tom Tierney, Gordon Gordh, Chester Groblewski, Tom Voelker, and Carl Ottavi have been showing up well. Ottavi's brilliant floor work in the St. Bede's game was a feature.

The Du-hawk-Augustana game should be a banner attraction. Augustana rates high in the basketball world, and the college five with Knoekel, Paul, Moran, Kruse, and Koffenbach, promise to be strong contenders for championship honors in the Iowa Conference this year.

## ONE

Fitzgerald, J. J. Klotz, James Craney, W. G. Kessler, R. P. Duggan, D. B. Coyne, George A. Stemm, M. J. Martin, U. M. Churchill, Luke B. Striegel, E. W. Loosbrock, Ernest P. Ament, V. J. Peters, N. C. Barrett, Wm. Mann and Messers. John Cretzmeyer and S. C. Dovi.

Sergeant C. A. Peterson is assisting Major McMorris in the training and selection of the team.

## Short Shots At Timely Targets

By Major Watson L. McMorris, CAC, PMS&T.

## 2. A MILITARY CAREER

Each year approximately five hundred able bodied and mentally capable young men are commissioned in the grade of second lieutenant in the United States army. To those of you who may have raised the question—"How can I obtain such an appointment?" I will endeavor to answer briefly in the following few paragraphs.

These new young officers are required as replacements for the older officers who are lost to the service due to retirement for age (64), voluntary retirement after more than thirty years continuous service, physical disability, death and resignation.

The great majority of these appointments (in fact in recent years all appointments) are made from the graduating class of the Military academy at West Point. In former years a few appointments were made from outstanding enlisted personnel of the regular army and a limited number from civil life.

ROTC Graduates May Be  
Appointed

By Act of Congress of August, 1935, 1,000 graduates of Senior ROTC units in universities throughout the United States, who are between the ages of 22 and 27, who hold commissions in the Reserve corps and are unmarried, are placed on active duty for a period of one year in the regular army. At the end of this period 100 are selected for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular army.

Appointment to both West Point, where there are 1,650 cadets and to Annapolis with its 2,400 midshipmen is more generally obtained by congressional appointment through one's Senator or Representative. The entrance age at West Point is 17 to 21, inclusive, while at Annapolis it is one year younger, 16 to 20, inclusive. Candidates at both academies unless they have had at least one year of college work must take a rigid entrance examination. The course at both places is very exacting and between one-fourth and one-third of those who enter fail to graduate. A cadet must possess high qualities of scholarship and leadership throughout the entire four years.

Each Cadet Receives Salary  
of \$780

Each cadet in addition to being furnished complete uniforms is paid \$780.00 per annum. From this

he is required to deposit with West Point authorities about \$30.00 each month so that upon graduation he enters the service with sufficient funds to fully equip himself with uniforms, saber, pistol, bedding roll, etc. Cadets must take care of their contingent expenses out of the monthly balance and are not allowed to receive funds from outside sources. Cadets may not own or drive an automobile within the Academy grounds.

Therefore, if one is fortunate enough to secure a Congressional appointment his problem is well on its way to solution. But, perhaps most of us cannot qualify under the heading of "not WHAT we know but WHO we know" and a Congressional appointment is not available—or maybe there is just no vacancy in our district. What other means then are available for the young man who wishes to take up a military career in the service of Uncle Sam?

## Methods of Approach

First, there are three other methods of approach:

First—as already referred to, via the ROTC and being among the 100 out of 1,000 young reserve officers of outstanding ability, appointed each year under the Thompson act.

Second—a young man of high school education or better may enlist in the regular army and attend for nine months one of the nine Corps Area West Point prep schools. About thirty per cent of those who pass this course are selected each year for appointment to West Point. It is interesting to note that Cadet Isbell, tackle and captain of the 1937 West Point football team is an ex-enlisted man and that the Honor Graduate of 1937 was a former service man.

Third—and perhaps the means most likely to succeed, is via the National Guard. Each year a certain number of young members of the National Guard throughout the nation, who have served at least one year, are designated to take the entrance examination for the Military academy. In the past few years practically all those who passed received appointments. This is due to the fact that the quota of appointments allotted

to the National Guard is seldom filled by the number of candidates who pass and qualify.

There you have the avenues of approach open to the young student who may wish to affiliate with the army of the United States, which is older than the United States itself—for my history book tells me that General George Washington assumed command of the American army in Cambridge on June 15, 1775, while our United States was not officially in existence until July 4, 1776.

The students and faculty wish to extend their sympathy to Gerald Winter, '38, whose grandmother died last Tuesday.

Christmas vacation begins December 22 and ends January 6.

Over 100 students responded to the call for intra-mural basketball.

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"King Of Hoboes" Visits Columbia  
During Brief Dubuque Visit

Three cheers for Hairbreadth Harry,

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Who says to work the other horse,  
And rest the one that's lame.

And so Hairbreadth Harry, ex-king of the hoboes, and presidential candidate—almost—trudges in to sight. When we say trudges we mean trudges, for securely fastened to his feet are two hurlap sacks. So securely fastened, as a matter of fact, that we doubt very much whether they are removed from one end of the season to the other.

As for the rest of Mr. Harry: he has a beard which might be mistaken for the brush of a vacuum sweeper, if it were not attached to his very much weather-beaten face. He doesn't bother to button his soiled shirt, revealing a very much weather-beaten chest with a growth of hairs rivaling those on his chin. A tattered gray (or maybe brown, blue, or pink) overcoat covers his blue overalls.

Hairbreadth's real name is James Joseph Moan, a very likely name for a President. J. J. (Imagine that in headlines—J. J. ASKS FOR MORE MONEY) dropped out of the last presidential campaign in favor of Roosevelt. His platform would make a good gag for any comedian:

1. Full rations and free beer.

On December 21, an entertainment program is scheduled for the members of the Varsity and the intramural teams. The parents and students are invited to attend, it will be held in the Academy auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The Academy band will appear upon the program and give a short concert.

At this time Coach John Cretzmeyer will give out the awards to both Varsity and intramural team members.

2. Cars to ride in and money for gas and oil.

3. Dieticians in every home. If Congress doesn't pass a minimum-wage law for a hundred dollars a month, Mr. Moan plans to run again in 1940 on the same platform.

What brought this sage of the rails to this ancient academy of learning? He certainly did not come to enroll, much to the dismay of the publicity manager (just think of the publicity). He came to expound his philosophy to the receptive ears of our docile student body. The higher-ups, however, voted against it.

If his present plan works out he will have ample opportunity to make speeches. He plans to start a school at Colfax, Iowa, a school designed to cut out lost motion and teach the will to do.

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